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For: INFORMATION PLAYBACK DEVICE,  
INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE,  
INFORMATION PLAYBACK METHOD,  
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD,  
AND INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM  
AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM USED  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to initiation of prosecution of the present application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS:

a' [0001] The present application claims priority from Japanese application No. 2001-034969 filed February 13, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.